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Applicant	:	Palmans, et al.
Appl. No.	:	10/017,453
Filed	:	December 12, 2001
For	:	METHOD FOR PREPARING AN ELECTROPLATING BATH AND RELATED COPPER PLATING PROCESS
Examiner	:	Mayekar, K.
Group Art Unit	:	1753

DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.132  
OF ROGER PALMANS AND YURI LANTASOV

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

We, Roger Palmans and Yuri Lantsov, declare as follows:

1. We are citizens of the Belgium and Belarus, respectively, residing at Sieberg 55, Riemst, Belgium, and Priticki Str. 78-373, 220140 Minsk, Belarus, respectively, and we believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "METHOD FOR PREPARING AN ELECTROPLATING BATH AND RELATED COPPER PLATING PROCESS", the specification of which was filed on December 12, 2001 as Application Serial No. 10/017,453, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/257649 filed December 22, 2000.
2. We believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed in European Patent Application No. 1 022 355 A2 entitled "DEPOSITION OF COPPER ON AN ACTIVATED SURFACE OF A SUBSTRATE" which published on July 26, 2000.

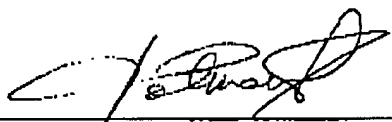
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3. We hereby state that the portions of European Patent Application No. 1 022 355 A2 relevant to the present application originated with or were obtained from us, Roger Palmans and Yuri Lantsov.

4. We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

5. The undersigned Applicants declare further that all the statements made herein of their own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated: June 30th 2004

  
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Dated: 30/06/04

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